

STATEMENT OF A DESERTER.—G. S. Douglass, was recently sent out of Vicksburg with dispatches to General Johnston, but embraced the opportunity to desert to the Federals.

Colonel —, of the 3d Iowa Infantry, turned him over to General Lauman, who, after a little questioning, handed him over to General Grant, and to him he revealed his mission, and gave the dispatch. The substance of the letter is said by a correspondent of the Chicago Tribune to be as follows—and what degree of credit is to be given to the statement, the reader must judge for himself: "An urgent demand for help. Number of reinforcements required, 30,000—advising retreat if he could not bring that number upon Grant's rear within ten days; number of troops in Vicksburg, 18,000; on hand thirty days' rations for the garrison, one meal a day; ammunition scarce, particularly gun caps. Douglass was further instructed to ascertain the exact number of Johnston's army, and report as speedily as possible. He desired to return home, and Grant sent him up the river on the steamer Sultana. He says there are 18,000 fighting men in Vicksburg, commanded by Generals Pemberton, Stevenson, Reynolds, Bowen, Forney, Morris, Lee, and M. L. Smith. Pemberton is chief in command, and exceedingly unpopular.

"It is surmised that he thinks of surrender. Referring to this, Bowen said in his (Douglass') hearing, 'that if Pemberton made the first movement toward giving up the city he would hang him as high as Haaman.' The evident policy of Pemberton will be, when he is satisfied that all hopes of succor from Johnston are gone, to break out through the Federal lines on the left, and endeavor to cut his way through to Big Black. The damage to Vicksburg occasioned by the fire of the guns and mortars is immense. He estimates that at least one-fifth of the city is destroyed. Up to Wednesday, at 12 o'clock, the names of one hundred women and children were reported at the Provost Marshal's office who were killed by the explosion of the missiles in different parts of the city. Among these is said to have been the wife of Pemberton himself. The depot and Court House are but slightly injured; the jail is nearly destroyed. The largest magazine, containing three-quarters of the shot and shell in Vicksburg, is blown up; horses, cattle and mules are killed, and a large number of houses burned. On the day of the assault 2,000 were killed and wounded, including eighteen Colonels and Lieutenant Colonels.

"There are seven forts from the railroad to Warrenton, of which Douglass could remember the names of but three: Fort Pemberton, mounting nine guns; Fort McCullough, five guns; and Fort Pulaski, four guns. Fort Beauregard is on the right (the Federal right) of the railroad, and contains but a single gun not disabled. The cannonade of the 23d disabled thirteen guns, and killed and wounded many Confederate soldiers. On the 22d inst., eight Georgia and Tennessee regiments refused to fight, and fell back into the rifle-pits; Louisiana, Texas and Missouri soldiers are considered reliable."

The "peace men" are following up their mass convention in New York on Wednesday week, with a similar gathering in Brooklyn.—The Academy of Music has been hired for the occasion, at an expense of some \$500. Stands have also been erected in the streets adjoining, and every preparation made for the accommodation of a large crowd.

The original text of D'Utassy's sentence confines him to hard labor in the penitentiary, instead of simple imprisonment, as at first reported.

Major General Herron, with his staff and a large force of troops, left St. Louis on Thursday last for Vicksburg. Heavy reinforcements have also gone there from other points.

MATRIMONIAL DISPUTES IN SWITZERLAND.—In Berne they have a novel method of dealing with matrimonial disputants. Divorces were freely granted, says Bishop Horne, but first the applicant had to go through a curious test. A small room was prepared in which husband and wife were put—the door being then closed, to remain so for six weeks, except it should be set in motion at the urgent and united request of the wedded pair. There were in the room one stool, one plate, one spoon, a unity of all the requisites, and the solitary bed was of such dimensions that, if they chose to use it together, they must needs lie very close together. Of one thing and only one, there was a duplicate; and that was a little treatise on the duties of husbands and wives toward each other. No visitor was permitted to go near them; and they had only a glimpse at intervals of the grim face of the janitor as he pushed their food through a hole in the door. The bishop states that the test was attended with the most wholesome results. In most cases the parties were excellent friends in a few days; and very few could stand out for more than a fortnight. Another very gratifying circumstance was, that they had scarcely on record a case in which a second application was made by persons who had already gone through the ordeal.

Richmond papers say that the exchange of prisoners has been stopped, owing to a breach of cartel on the part of the Federal Government. They claim an excess of 17,000 prisoners in their favor. It is said that exchanges, except of officers, has not been stopped.

Rev. N. R. Young, Provincial of the Dominicans, took the steamer Asia, at Boston, accompanied by Rev. C. L. Egan, O. S. D., of Washington City. Father Young is on his way to Rome, on business connected with his order.

Mr. Drexel, the wealthy banker who died in Philadelphia last week, was once a portrait painter, and painted the best portrait of Bolivar extant.

A paragraph from a Richmond paper was copied a few days ago, saying that a son of Postmaster General Blair was in Richmond, &c. The statement is contradicted. It is supposed the person alluded to was some imposter.

A recent letter from the Rappahannock, published in the Boston Transcript, mentions the following incident. "On Wednesday (3rd instant) a Confederate picket came over bathing, when the Federal guard ordered him out of the river. He went back, put on his clothing, took deliberate aim at the soldier who sent him away, and shot him dead. A flag of truce was immediately ordered by General Hooker, who demanded the instant surrender of the murderer. The Confederate commander complied forthwith, and the offender was sent to Gen. Hooker's headquarters a prisoner, with a message to 'deal with him as he thought proper.' This story is very doubtful.

We find in the Boston papers the announcement that the vacant Rumford Professorship at Harvard University is to be filled by the appointment of Dr. Gibbs, the well known investigator in physics and chemistry.

The Ohio (Democratic) State Convention which assembles at Columbus to-day, is exciting much attention. A Cincinnati correspondent of the Chicago Times, says, "Vallandigham will receive the unanimous nomination for Governor, and Medary or Thurman for Lieut. Governor. The Convention will be the largest ever held in the State."

NOTICE.

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY GOVERNOR, Alexandria, Va., May 30, 1863.

WHEREAS the condition of the city of Alexandria is such, that, unless active steps are taken to insure a proper observance of sanitary rules, the health of the people of the city, and of the troops in the hospitals and neighborhood, will materially suffer, and it appearing that the civil authorities have not the means of placing the city in a proper sanitary condition: Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons owning, residing in, or having the use of any residence, stable, outhouse, or premises, of any description whatsoever, that they are required to have the same thoroughly cleansed in four days from this date of all garbage, manure, &c., &c., the same to be placed in a pile in the centre of the street, or in barrels, before their premises. After the first four days, it will be continued by them from day to day. All persons upon whose premises more than one cart load has accumulated, will be required to remove it at their own expense. All persons failing to comply with this order, will be brought before the Provost Judge, and fined.

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